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NEWS of the STATE



Representative John L. Stewart of Montgomery county died Sunday afternoon at a hospital in Raleigh.

The Burke Poultry Association will hold its first annual show in the Morganton city hall on the 18th, 19th and 20th of this month.

There were 437 whiskey prescriptions filled at the medical depository in Wadesboro in December, against 392 filled for November.

The Virginia and Carolina Southern Railway has been completed to Elizabethtown and on the 14th inst. a big celebration in honor of the completion of the railway will be held.

A. C. Frank, aged forty years, a native of Iowa, was found dead in his bed at a Salisbury hotel Monday. He had been locked in his room for several days and forbade anyone to enter.

A committee consisting of Dr. S. B. Klutz, J. E. Ewing and A. C. Honeycutt has been appointed to draw a bill allowing Stanly county to vote bonds for good roads.

Postmaster W. Henry Hobson, of Salisbury had the distinction last Wednesday of opening the first postal savings bank in North Carolina—one of the forty-eight established in the United States.

The census figures give Rockingham an increase of forty three per cent since the twelfth census and the people of that town believe the population would be trippled by taking in the cotton mills and suburbanites.

While locked in their home, where their mother had left them to attend a dance, three small children of Arabella Gilmore, colored, were burned to death late Saturday night in Fayetteville.

Miss Alice Suggs of Chapel Hill was found on the streets of Burlington a few nights ago in a temporarily demented condition and almost frozen. She was taken to a hotel where she was given medical attention.

The people of Lenoir and the surrounding country regret the announcement that the Rev. D. P. McGeachy, pastor of the First Presbyterian church at that place, has tendered his resignation to accept a call from Lewisburg, W. Va.

John Gant, son of J. Q. Gant of Glen Raven and Altamahaw cotton mills of Burlington, accidentally shot himself while hunting near Glen Raven last week. The greater part of one of his hands was torn off.

Oliver Thompson, a lad of 14 was shot and instantly killed a few days ago at Green's creek in Polk county, by Boice Danohue, aged 16. It is stated the shooting was purely accidental, the boys being good friends.

Under the name of the Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., with a capital of \$1,250,000 and \$300,000 surplus, the formal consolidation of the Wachovia National bank and Wachovia Loan & Trust Co., of Winston-Salem took place last week.

M. E. Beaver, 18 years old, agent of the Raleigh and Charleston railroad at Marietta, committed suicide early last Thursday by taking carbolic acid and then shooting himself. Disappointment in a love affair is ascribed as the cause.

Precinct primaries were held throughout Rockingham county last Saturday, in which the question of road improvement was discussed, overwhelmingly favoring a bond issue of not less than \$500,000 for permanent road building.

Under the auspices of the Winston-Salem board of trade, committees have prepared a program for the entertainment of the North Carolina State Press Association at its mid-winter meeting in that city the latter part of this month.

The citizens of Red Springs have voted for a bond issue for water works and sewerage. The vote in favor of bonds was almost unanimous. The town already has a good system of electric lights which is supplied by the Southern Presbyterian College.

The little 5-year-old daughter of Mr. Frank Kaylor, who lives 8 miles from Hickory was terribly mangled in the machinery of a flour mill near his home a few days ago. The tot got caught in the machinery and its mother rushed to its rescue. She was likewise drawn into the apparatus and nearly all her clothes torn off her.

The Washington Duke building at Trinity College burned to the ground at 3 o'clock last Wednesday morning. The hundred students got out safely although many had to make use of the fire escape only scantily attired. H. R. Hunter, of Cary, was the first person to awake. He heroically rushed through the halls awakening his fellow students and consequently lost his entire belongings and \$50 in money.

Philip Jones, a man of property, and once a Wake county deputy, was perhaps fatally wounded Friday about three miles from Durham, when he was struck on the head by a brick hurled at him by Pink Johnson. Johnson and Jones quarreled several days ago over a settlement and renewed Friday. Jones was taken to Durham and placed on an operating table. Eleven broken plates in his skull have been removed.

At a meeting of the board of governors of the Piedmont Club of Albemarle Friday night, the question of how to entertain the State Press Association came up. It was decided to spare no pains or money in giving the editors a warm reception during their stay of an hour on their Winston-Salem-to-Charlotte trip over the Southbound on the 26th instant. Lunch will be served and generally a good time given.

Rev. R. P. Bryson of Spencer met instant death in the Southern Railway shops Friday afternoon by being crushed under three pairs of engine truck wheels and axles, which were being lifted by a huge crane. The crane bearing the ton or more of truck wheels suspended by a chain was passing over his head and the chain suddenly broke, precipitating the mass of iron down upon the head of Mr. Bryson who was caught at an ungarded moment, and he never knew what killed him.

Charles Murphy, who about ten days ago shot and killed John Simmons in Yancey county because Simmons would not give him a drink of whiskey, was taken to Asheville Thursday night by Sheriff Edwards of Yancey and placed in the Buncombe county jail for safe keeping. Murphy has the reputation of being a very desperate character, and the sheriff was accompanied by two men. Murphy was handcuffed, tied with a rope and was led by a man.

Mrs. Bavier, wife of H. O. Banister, manager of the local office of the Western Union Telegraph Company, at Raleigh, and seventeen-months-old son were asphyxiated Friday afternoon in the bath room of their apartment. Mrs. Banister prepared for a bath, using an instantaneous gas heater. Her child accompanied her. Later a servant, hearing the water flowing into the bath tub for an unusually long time, investigated and was horrified to find the lifeless form of Mrs. Banister on the floor and that of the child across a chair. Just how the accident occurred is not known.

One of the greatest events in the history of North Carolina took place Friday on the banks of the inland waterway canal, eighteen miles long connecting Beaufort harbor and Neuse river. Fifty-six steamers and motor boats, moving in two separate fleets from Newbern and Morehead City, met midway in the canal and landed three thousand people as guests of the towns of Beaufort, Morehead City and Oriental. From Newbern went the naval reserves, steamer Elfrida and the Torpedo boat Dupont, carrying city and county officials, and friends from Morehead went on the revenue cutter Pamlico. All of which was on account of the inland waterway just opened.

Three alleged blind tigers, all white, were pulled in Wilmington last week.

GENERAL NEWS.

Property comprising an entire business block and valued at \$1,000,000 was destroyed by fire at Little Rock, Ark., last week.

James J. Gallagher, who shot Mayor Gaynor, of New York city last August, was sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment last week.

The Southern Hotel Association chooses Charlotte as the meeting place for 1912 and indorses New Orleans as the logical point for the Panama Exposition.

At least \$1,000,000 a year is the sum Governor Dix of New York expects to save the state through the adoption of economies he recommended to the legislature in his first annual message.

Taking a burning faggot from a stove a little Syrian boy, 2 years of age, of Columbia, S. C., set fire to his mother dress as she was washing dishes, the other day. She was frightfully burned and is not expected to live.

General Allen, the chief signal officer of the army, has announced that as a result of recent experiments by the signal corps, multiplex telephony is now practicable, whereby several independent conversations may be carried on simultaneously over the same wire circuit.

A series of violent earthquakes were recorded by the seismograph at Spring Hill College, Alabama, last week, commencing at 6:18 and continuing for 24 minutes, the maximum being reached at 6:30 o'clock. Shocks were also recorded at Lawrence, Kan., and New Orleans on the same date.

The death of Senator Elkins adds to the political complications in West Virginia. The democratic legislature, which already was charged with the duty of electing a successor to Senator Nathan Bay Scott, republican, and which, for the first time in years, has a large democratic majority, is now confronted with two senatorships.

Stabbing and scratching with a hat pin, Miss Routh Pinson, a college girl, of Greenwood, S. C., home for the holidays, fought a burglar who took to his heels when the girls father came to the rescue. During the scuffle the burglar aimed a knife blow at the girl's head, the blade cutting off about half of her hair, which was "done up."

To Study Corn.

During January and February the Farmers' Co-operative Demonstration Work, U. S. Department of Agriculture, will hold at least one "Seed Corn" meeting in each of the forty-four counties where the work is being carried on. The day will be spent at each place studying corn, nothing the bad and good characters of the ears, such as soundness, vitality, cob, etc., and discussing the best methods of corn growing. Farmers will be asked to bring out their seed corn for study and exhibition and for comparison with their neighbors.

The meetings will be conducted by corn experts of the National and State Departments of Agriculture and A. & M. College and leading farmers of the respective counties.

This work started two years ago by Mr. C. R. Hudson, state agent, has proven its value in waking up the minds of farmers concerning good seed corn to plant. By the methods advocated in the movement, farmers are finding out that we live in the section of the country that should be the real corn belt. The meetings will be "Corn Schools" without any fees or dues attached. If other counties want such meetings the county commissioners or other authorities should communicate with Mr. C. R. Hudson, of Raleigh, N. C. All that will be asked of them is that they furnish a comfortable house for holding the meeting in and furnish tables for holding the corn.

Two Hens Worth \$22,000.

Concord Times.
Winner over all others of her breed Lady Washington, a raven black Orpington hen, worth \$12,000, has only one of her kind as a rival, her own daughter. Her offspring is worth \$10,000. Whenever either chooses to do the commonplace thing of laying an egg the egg is worth \$25. Both chickens are on exhibition at the fifth annual Poultry Show in Philadelphia. Lady Washington arrived Thursday from her home at Factoryville, Pa., accompanied by two attendants and occupied a specially constructed coop in a specially reserved compartment.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Concord Times.

Salisbury is in earnest about building a railroad from that city to Monroe. At the meeting of the Rowan county commissioners Monday it was decided to call an election to be held February 23, in Salisbury and Litcher townships for the purpose of voting on the proposition to issue bonds to build the road, \$75,000 in Salisbury township and \$10,000 in Litcher township.

Charlotte Observer.

The Cleveland Star announces that Mr. H. T. Hudson, president of the Star Publishing Company has disposed of his holdings in the corporation to Mr. Lee B. Weathers of Charlotte, who will assume the editorship of The Star the first of January. Mr. Weathers is a native of Cleveland, a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Weathers of Shelby and has a host of friends there who will welcome him back.

Concord Times.

Mr. Walter W. Poole, of Salisbury, is a much afflicted man. He has but one leg and walks with a crutch. The other day the crutch broke and the poor man fell and broke his arm.

Lexington Dispatch.

John Johnson, a Wake county negro, who has been in Lexington for several months working here and there, filling the role of an "odd jobs nigger," hiked out of town Monday night on the double quick. Just before leaving he had thrown an axe at his better half and had inflicted a serious wound. The axe made a gash in the woman's back six inches long and cut to the bone.

Raleigh News and Observer.

The best thing about the census of North Carolina is that this State shows no tendency to leave the rural districts. The best development is rural and town, with the biggest on the farm.

Clinton Democrat.

We are indebted to Mr. E. A. Pearson of Taylors Bridge, for a very fine watermelon on December 31st. It was the largest one we have seen during the winter. It may be that Mr. Pearson is the last to bring one this winter and therefore entitled to the free subscription. So far as our side of it goes, we have enjoyed the melon, and appreciate the interest our friends have taken in bringing them; for we feel that they did so simply because they wanted us to have them.

Weekly Paper Raises Its Price to \$1.50.

Announcing that after January 1, its subscription price will be \$1.50 a year, in advance. The Leighton, Ala. News puts the case this way: "When cotton was six or seven cents a pound and other farm products were correspondingly low it took the price of two turkeys to pay one year's subscription; now one turkey will sell for enough to pay for three years or more. Then it took ten dozen eggs to pay for one year; now two dozen will almost do it. Then we could buy a little pig with a year subscription; now it will scarcely pay for the grunt. And so on with almost all farm products you can name." This is an explanation which burrows right down to the root of the matter and must convince any one.

Prominent Democrats to Speak at Jubilation in Baltimore.

The important committees in charge of the Democratic jubilation, which is to be held in Baltimore January 17, met last week and announced that the following have accepted invitations to speak on that occasion:

Governor Judson Harmon, Ohio; Governor-elect Eugene N. Foss, Massachusetts; Joseph C. S. Black burn, Kentucky; Theodore M. Bell, California; Congressman Champ Clark, Missouri; United States Senator B. F. Shively, Indiana; United States Senator Robert L. Taylor, Tennessee; United States Senator Joseph W. Bailey, Texas; Congressman-elect Martin W. Littleton, New York; Major J. C. Hemphill, Richmond, Va.

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